

# OSHA

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Administration

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Department Of Interior  
Attn: Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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Re: Department Of Interior  
Complaint No. 202010633

**VIA FAX#:** (202)208-1067

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

On February 27, 2007, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) received a report of alleged hazardous working conditions in your workplace.

We notified you, by telephone, of these alleged hazards on February 27, 2007. The specific nature of the alleged hazards is as follows:

1. 25 one-gallon containers of gasoline are being stored with flammable and combustible paints/sealers, PVC cement and Zinc coating.
2. Flammable and Combustible Paints stored on open shelves.
3. Flammable aerosols and alcohol are stored on shelves.
4. Hundreds of spent fluorescent lamps which contain mercury are piled up in building.
5. Underground electrical equipment in wet areas
6. Fire doors are wedged or jammed open
7. Exit signs are not illuminated or are missing
8. Computer server area has a piece of paper taped over it.

We have not determined whether the hazards, as alleged, exist at your workplace; and we do not intend to conduct an inspection at this time. However, since allegations of violations and/or

hazards have been made. we request that you immediately investigate the alleged conditions and make any necessary corrections or modifications. Please advise me via return fax transmittal, no later than March 7, 2007 of the results of your investigation. You must provide supporting documentation of your findings, including any applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs/video which you believe would be helpful, as well as a description of any corrective action you have taken or are in the process of taking, including of the corrected condition.

**This letter is not a Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthful Working Conditions, which according to Department of Labor Regulations, 29 CFR 1960, may be issued only after an inspection of the workplace.**

**If we do not receive a response from you by March 7, 2007 indicating that appropriate action has been taken or that no hazard exists and why, an OSHA inspection will be conducted.** An inspection may include a review of the following: injury and illness records, hazard communication, personal protective equipment, emergency action or response, bloodborne pathogens, confined space entry, lockout and related safety and health issues. note,

You are requested to post a copy of this letter where it will be readily accessible for review by all of your employees and return a copy of the signed Certificate of Posting (Attachment A) to this office. Also, you are requested to provide a copy of this letter and your response to it to a representative of any recognized employee union or safety committee if these are at your facility. Failure to do this may result in an on-site inspection. The complainant has been furnished a copy of this letter and will be advised of your response. Subpart G of 29 CFR 1960 provides protection for employees against discrimination because of their involvement in protected safety and health related activity.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Area Office at the address in the letterhead. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Leonard M. Moore Jr.  
Area Director

Attachment A  
Certificate of Posting